

During Dr. Mellon's tenure as executive director, the California Missions Foundation received a number of grants to preserve and restore California's missions, including four grants from the Department of Interior totaling \$2.28 million. With those funds, the California Missions Foundation was able to repair some of the extensive earthquake damage at Mission San Miguel; complete a seismic retrofit at Mission San Luis Rey; and stabilize buildings and preserve artwork and artifacts at the Carmel and Santa Barbara missions.

California's residents and visitors alike benefit from Dr. Mellon's hard work, expertise, and vision each time they visit one of California's beautiful and historic missions.

I thank Dr. Mellon for his service to the State of California, and wish him and his wife Carlotta the very best as they embark on the next exciting phase of their lives.●

REMEMBERING RUTH SINGER MEYERS

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I rise in memory of my dear friend Ruth Singer Meyers, who died in Los Angeles last month after a brief but valiant fight with cancer.

Ruth was a philanthropist, a community leader, and a champion of Israel and a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. She was also a kind, warm, and caring human being who had countless good friends and deeply loved her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Born Ruth Lazarus in Wilmington, DE, Ruth moved to California as a girl with her family. After graduating from Beverly Hills High School and UCLA, she married and had two sons, Rick and Anthony. When her boys grew up and went off to college, Ruth dedicated herself to charitable work, the Jewish community, and Israel.

Ruth's energy, dedication, and fundraising abilities were legendary in charitable circles. She served on the Board of Governors of Cedars-Sinai Hospital, the Board of Directors of the Venice Family Clinic, the International Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, and the National Board of the United Jewish Appeal. As missions chairman for the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, she led dozens of community trips to Israel. She also served as the Los Angeles chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and became a national officer in the organization.

On behalf of the people of California, who have benefited so much from Ruth's life and work, I send my deepest gratitude and condolences to her husband, Mickey Meyers, as well as her sons and grandchildren. I know they and many others will miss this wonderful woman, as will I. ●

TRIBUTE TO MAL MOORE

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the athletic di-

rector for the University of Alabama, Mal Moore.

Coach Moore was born in Dozier, AL in 1939. He was recruited and awarded an athletic scholarship by the legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. He played for the Crimson Tide from 1958-1962, including on the undefeated 1961 national championship squad—ranked #1 by the Associated Press and considered by many to be one of the best ever. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1963, and began his coaching career as an assistant at Montana State.

Having displayed leadership that clearly impressed Coach Bryant, Coach Moore was hired away from Montana State to serve as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, where he received his master's degree. From there he embarked on a highly successful 31 year coaching career, which included stints at Notre Dame, the NFL and for national championship teams under both Coach Bryant and Coach Gene Stallings at Alabama. In 1999, he was named the Crimson Tide's athletics director, a position he still holds.

Coach Mal Moore is a champion. He has been a part of nine national championships—1961, 1964, 1965, 1973, 1978, 1979, 1992, 2009 and 2011—with the first coming as a player, the next six during his coaching career and the most recent two during his time as athletics director. During his tenure as athletic director, Alabama has gone on to win seven national championships in four different sports: football in 2009 and 2011; gymnastics under Coach Sarah Patterson in 2002, 2011 and 2012; women's golf in 2012 and women's softball in 2012.

In addition to the success the university has seen on the fields, courses and arenas under Coach Mal Moore, he has transformed the University of Alabama's athletics program, improving the University for all students and student-athletes. Coach Moore has raised more than \$200 million for capital improvements to make the Capstone's facilities among the best in the Nation; improving Bryant-Denny Stadium, Coleman Coliseum, John and Ann Rhoads Softball Stadium as well as the soccer and tennis stadiums. His efforts to improve student-athlete academics have led the Crimson Tide to high graduation rates and have made Alabama athletes among the most competitive academically.

Coach Moore's sizable contributions to University of Alabama athletics and academics have been noticed and recognized by the University of Alabama, the State of Alabama and nationally. In 2007, the Alabama football building was renamed the Mal M. Moore Athletic Facility. The Alabama Sports Hall of Fame named Coach Moore the Distinguished Alabama Sportsman in 2007 for his efforts as athletics director, and inducted him into the Hall of Fame in 2011. Recently, the National Football Foundation recognized Coach Moore with the John L. Toner Award,

which is presented annually by the foundation to an athletic director who has demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics and particularly college football.

Coach Mal Moore has been part of the University of Alabama and Crimson Tide football as a student-athlete, coach and administrator for more than 50 years. He has left an indelible mark at the Capstone, and his leadership will be felt by Alabama students and staff for generations to come.

It's a pleasure and honor for me to recognize a great leader, a great athletic director and a great man from the heartland of my State of Alabama. I look forward to enjoying the fruits of his labors for years to come. Roll Tide!●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3637. A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8092. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules; Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band; Service Rules for the 698-746; 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands; Fourth Report and Order, FCC 12-61" (FCC 12-61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8093. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules Governing Qualifying Examination Systems and Other Matters, et. al."